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C O N F I D E N T I A L OTTAWA 04681

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EGIN, EINV, UN, ECOSOC, CA

SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT ON ILLICIT PAYMENTS -  
LONDON COMMUNIQUE

REF: STATE 124539

1. PURSUANT TO REFTEL, DCM ACCCOMPANIED BY COMMERCIAL  
COUNSELOR CALLED ON PETER TOWE, EXTAFF ASSISTANT UNDER  
SECRETARY OF STATE, TO MAKE DEMARCHE AS INSTRUCTED AND  
LEAVE PAPER OUTLINING PRINCIPAL POINTS OF USG POSITION.

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2. TOWE CONFIRMED GOC AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE WITH USG  
OBJECTIVES IN THIS AREA, AND WITH TIMETABLE WE HAVE  
SUGGESTED. HOWEVER, HE NOTED SEVERAL POINTS ON WHICH  
HE BELIEVES WE WILL HAVE DIFFICULTY ACHIEVING CONSENSUS.

3. TOWE SUGGESTED IT WILL BE DIFFICULT BUT NOT IMPOSSIBLE  
TO GET ECOSOC WORKING GROUP TO ENDORSE DEVELOPMENT OF

INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT AND TO RECOMMEND ECOSOC ESTABLISH EXPANDED WORKING GROUP WITH CLEAR MANDATE TO PREPARE TEXT FOR FORWARDING TO DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE IN 1978. ECOSOC WORKING GROUP HAS NOT PREVIOUSLY GONE SO FAR AS "ENDORsing" AND "RECOMMENDING," ACCORDING TO TOWE, AND GETTING IT TO DO SO WOULD NOT BE EASY. HE ALSO FELT CONSIDERABLE YEOMAN WORK IS NEEDED WITH EC, PARTICULARLY GERMANS AND FRENCH, BEFORE GAP BETWEEN U.S. AND GERMAN THINKING COULD BE NARROWED. AT THIS MOMENT, HE SUGGESTED, MAJORITY LEANS MORE TOWARD GERMAN THAN U.S. VIEWS. HE THOUGHT APPARENT U.S. MOVE AWAY FROM DISCLOSURE TOWARD COUNTRY CRIMINAL SANCTIONS HAD ALREADY CONTRIBUTED TO NARROWING OF GAP, BUT THAT DIFFERENCES STILL REMAIN ON MOST SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES THAT WOULD BE INVOLVED IN TREATY.

4. CONCERNING INDUSTRIAL COUNTRY CONSULTATIONS PRIOR TO JUNE 27-JULY 1 WORKING GROUP MEETING, TOWE'S PRELIMINARY REACTION WAS THAT MEETING WOULD PROBABLY BE HELPFUL, BUT SHOULD BE HELD AT OECD RATHER THAN WASHINGTON TO AVOID AROUSING LDC SUSPICIONS. HE SUGGESTED LOGISTICS PROBLEM OF MEETING HELD AS SOON AS JUNE 13-14 AS OTHER MINISTRIES BESIDES EXTERNAL AFFAIRS ARE INVOLVED. H. D. PEEL, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, LEGAL AFFAIRS, EXTAFF, WHO WAS ALSO PRESENT, NOTED THAT WHILE MEETING MIGHT BE HELD IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO JUNE 27 WORKING GROUP MEETING, THAT WOULD NOT PROVIDE ADEQUATE TIME FOR CONSULTATION WITH CAPITALS.

5. COMMENT: DESPITE TOWE'S LESS THAN ENTHUSIASTIC RESPONSE TO VARIOUS POINTS IN OUR DEMARCHE, EMBASSY  
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BELIEVES GOC IS PREPARED TO ATTEND SOME PREPARATORY MEETING AND SUPPORT OUR OBJECTIVES AT FINAL WORKING GROUP SESSION IN LATE JUNE. CANADIAN SUPPORT WILL BE CONSIDERABLY STRENGTHENED IF WE CAN DEMONSTRATE PROGRESS ON BRINGING MORE RECALCITRANT PLAYERS INTO CAMP. ENDERS

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